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**Via Express Mail**

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***Re: Nicor Gas Company - Submission of Final Report Pursuant to  
U.S. EPA Section 106 Order***

Dear Brad:

Enclosed you will find the Final Report prepared on behalf of Nicor Gas Company ("Nicor") pursuant to the Administrative Order Pursuant to Section 106(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9606(a), issued by U.S. EPA on September 6, 2000, as subsequently amended by U.S. EPA Order, dated October 25, 2000.

The Final Report is comprised of the following five separate reports prepared by Nicor's designated contractor, Huff & Huff, Inc.:

- Final Report, Mercury Regulator Removal Action, Chicago Heights Iron & Supply Co., 1715 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago Heights, Illinois, February 2001;
- Final Report, Mercury Regulator Removal Action, Newton Iron & Metal, Inc., 901 West Marquette Street, Ottawa, Illinois, March 2001;
- Final Report, Mercury Regulator Removal Action, DeKalb Iron & Metal Co., 900 Oak Street, DeKalb, Illinois, March 2001;

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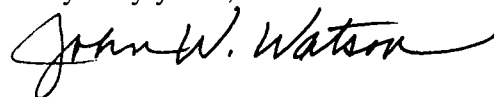
- Final Report, Mercury Regulator Removal Action, Berlinsky Scrap Corp., 212 Page Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, March 2001; and
- Final Report, Mercury Removal Actions at Nicor Gas Reporting Centers and Gas Storage Fields, March 2001.

These reports document Nicor's satisfaction of all of its removal action obligations to U.S. EPA pursuant to the Agency's 106 Order, as amended, and the various work plans for this work, which were reviewed and approved by both U.S. EPA and Illinois EPA. The work documented in the enclosed reports was conducted in close coordination with designated U.S. EPA and Illinois EPA representatives and was performed consistent with agreed upon schedules, procedures and regular reporting among Nicor and Agency representatives. Pursuant to Section XII of the Agency's 106 Order, Nicor requests that U.S. EPA issue a Notice of Completion certifying the satisfactory completion of all required work under the Order.

As required by Section V of the Order, copies of the five above-referenced reports constituting Nicor's Final Report in this matter are also being sent to designated representatives of the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the Cook and DuPage County States Attorney's Offices. Nicor is also providing copies of these reports to appropriate Illinois EPA representatives who provided direction and oversight for much of the work performed pursuant to the Order.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments regarding this submittal or the enclosed documentation.

Very truly yours,



John W. Watson

Enclosures

cc: Thomas Krueger, U.S. EPA  
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